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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENNA 10125

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, AU

SUBJECT: CSCE: POSSIBLE DISCUSSION OF OIL CRISIS

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

REF: (A) BONN 18383; (B) GENEVA 6417

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1. FONOFF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT CHIEF STEINER VOLUNTEERED TO POLCOUN DECEMBER 7 THAT WHAT HE TERMED BRANDT-KREISKY-PALME "TRIAL BALLOON" RE CSCE DISCUSSION OF PRESENT OIL CRISIS WAS MADE AT KREISKY'S INITIATIVE AND THAT FONOFF HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF PROPOSAL. KREISKY SUGGESTION, WHICH WAS TYPICAL KREISKY "HEADLINE GRABBING UNDERTAKING" IS CAUSING FONOFF SOMEWHAT OF A HEADACHE.

2. INITIAL AUSTRIAN SOUNDINGS WITH FONOFF OFFICIALS IN BONN AND STOCKHOLM HAVE BEEN GENERALLY NEGATIVE. FRENCH REPORTEDLY QUICKLY VOICED STRONG OBJECTIONS IN BONN TO IDEA WHICH THEY FELT WOULD, IF AT ALL, FIRST HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH IN EC FORUM. AUSTRIANS FEEL FRENCH OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL BASED ON DESIRE TO AVOID ANY ACTION WHICH COULD THREATEN THEIR FAVORABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH ARABS. AS FOR SWEDES, STOCKHOLM HAS SHOWN LIMITED INTEREST BUT NOT ENOUGH APPARENTLY TO SUPPORT PUTTING PROPOSAL TO CSCE AT THIS JUNCTURE.

3. IN VIENNA, AMBASSADORS OF SEVERAL EE COUNTRIES CALLED AT FONOFF EARLY IN WEEK TO ARGUE STRONGLY AGAINST IDEA, CLAIMING CSCE WAS INAPPROPRIATE FORUM TO RAISE ISSUE AND THAT DISCUSSION IN CSCE WOULD GENERATE DIFFICULTIES.

4. IN SPITE OF INITIAL NEGATIVE REACTIONS, AUSTRIAN FONOFF HAS NOT YET COMPLETELY DISMISSED IDEA AND IS CONSIDERING VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH IT COULD BE RAISED IN CONTEXT OF CSCE. AT MOMENT FOCUS IS ON TWO POSSIBILITIES: PARA 36 OF CSCE REPORT (PARA 2 REFTEL A AND ON FRG ENERGY PROPOSAL OF OCTOBER 26 (PARA 4 REFTEL B). KREISKY REPORTEDLY WILL DISCUSS PROPOSAL WITH FONOFF OFFICIALS IN NEXT WEEKS.

5. COMMENT: GOA PROPOSAL IN LINE WITH REPEATED  
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PAST EFFORTS OF AUSTRIA TO HAVE CSCE DISCUSS  
MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM.HUMES

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